

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee, at 7 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Carson Lennox, and Councilwoman Victoria Pritty-Pitcher. Councilman Corry Lawler was absent.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8/10/16. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Scee received a letter from the Association of Towns to notify the Town of the amount of dues for 2017 for budget preparation purposes and there was no change from last year. He also received several emails on the subjects of noise and water requests.

At this time the Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for August 2016: Total Receipts \$59,657.55, Total Disbursements \$240,627.68, Total Cash in Bank \$234,851.73, and Total Investments \$645,621.78. A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to accept the Supervisor's Report for August 2016. All voted aye. Carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve payment of bills in abstract #9, vouchers #100493-100552: General Fund A \$10,966.60, General Fund B \$95.08 Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$500.00, Highway Fund A \$135,815.14, Highway Fund B \$15,227.56 Water Dist. 2 \$4,043.00, Water Dist. 5 \$1,168.88, Water Dist. 1 \$182.02, Water Dist. 4 \$142.24, Water Dist. 3 \$1,596.84, Abstract Total \$169,737.36. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Jerry Tackling was present representing the Rohde Center Food Pantry in Adams, NY. He gave an update of how the center serves eight towns in Jefferson County including Town of Hounsfield and thanked the Town for their support.

Robert Charlebois and Mark Sweeney were present to introduce to the Board a proposed solar farm project they would like to build in the Town of Hounsfield, at the corner of NYS Rt. 3 and NYS Rt. 180.

C'man Farrington reported that he signed a purchase agreement for the residential lot the Town has for sale in the Village for \$35,001 but there may be a problem with an easement for the nearby Village lift station. There will be more investigation on this. He also reported that the Mayor of Sackets Harbor has signed the Courthouse agreement.

C'man Lennox and C'woman Pritty-Pitcher also gave reports.

The Water Operator gave a report and updated the Board on conditions surrounding the several leaks that have been happening in Dist. 2 at the main pipe.

The Water Dept. has received two water credit requests:

This is a second request, asking credit of \$9.90 in late fees because the payment was not delivered by the postal service and the customer didn't realize it. A discussion was held by the Board. A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to stand with the original vote and deny the request. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Second water credit request comes from a homeowner at 12709 Ridge Road, who purchased his home from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (a foreclosure) and the VA did not pay any water bills for the time that they owned it even though multiple attempts were made by the water billing clerk. As a result, \$201.50 is on the new homeowner's water account because it was not dealt with at the closing either. A discussion was held by the Board.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Lennox to deny this request of \$201.50 because it should have been dealt with at the sale, but if the Town receives payment from Veterans Affairs, it will be credited to the homeowner at 12709 Ridge Road. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Unfinished Business: At the last meeting Supervisor Scee agreed to ask for more documentation for a water credit request of \$1,264.50 from a homeowner on the Military Road and when he did ask, the homeowner did not offer anything other than what the Town had on his account and for this reason a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox to deny this water credit request for \$1,264.50. All voted aye and the motion carried.

A Planning/Zoning Report was given by the Zoning Officer.

A work report for August 2016 was read by C'man Lennox on behalf of the Highway Superintendent who was absent.

Dustin Clark from Barton & Loguidice was present to update the Board on the water tank project that should be completed by mid October.

New Business: Supervisor Scee has been contacted by Tina Thorp who is interested in a clean up of monuments and brush in Lakeside Cemetery and utilizing prisoners to preform the work. The Board decided to hold a Cemetery Committee meeting, invite Mrs. Thorp and get more guidelines for the project.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Town has been awarded \$27,000 from the Dept. of Public Service in interveener funds to pay for a visual impact study of the proposed wind towers on Galloo Island from the Village of Sackets Harbor. The wind project is moving forward.

Recently all Board members have received a call from Dave Nellis who resides on NYS Rt.3 about a noise problem with his neighbor and he has asked about a Town noise ordinance. C'man Lennox and C'woman Pritty-Pitcher have been researching this type of Town law and have sample laws from Buffalo and Rochester and recommendations from New York State to share with the Board members. The Board will review them.

A 2017 Budget workshop meeting was scheduled for September 29th at 6 pm.

A discussion was held by the Board whether to stay with Jefferson County for dog control and the fees assessed or opt out of the County dog control program.

At this time Supervisor Scee opened the floor to public comment and there were comments on proposed water district 6 and the proposed sewage project on NYS Rt. 12F.

The next regular meeting is October 12, 2016.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Submitted by,

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